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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, FEBRUARY 25, 2000

APPLICATION OF

BELL ATLANTIC - VIRGINIA, INC.

CASE NO. PUC960164

For Exemption from
Physical Collocation

APPLICATION OF

BELL ATLANTIC - VIRGINIA, INC.

CASE NO. PUC000043

For Exemption from
Physical Collocation at Its
Midlothian and Dulles Corner
Central Offices

ORDER

Pursuant to our Order of January 7, 2000,¹ Bell Atlantic - Virginia, Inc. ("BA-VA" or "the Company"), filed on February 8, 2000, a supplement to its outstanding requests for exemptions from physical collocation at certain central offices. In its filing, BA-VA withdraws its requested exemptions for its Ashburn and Pentagon offices and supplements its requests for its Midlothian and Dulles Corner offices with additional

¹ Application of Bell Atlantic - Virginia, Inc., For exemption from physical collocation, Order Adopting Rules and Ruling on Exemption Requests, Case No. PUC960164 (Jan. 7, 2000) Doc. Control No. 000110172.

documentation as required by the rules adopted in the above-referenced Order in Case No. PUC960164.²

BA-VA states that a recent building addition makes physical collocation now available at its Ashburn office. As for the Pentagon office, BA-VA states that it does not own the office and therefore has no authority to permit collocation, thus rendering unnecessary an exemption request.

NOW THE COMMISSION, having considered this matter, is of the opinion and finds that BA-VA's withdrawal of requests for exemptions should be accepted;³ that interested parties should have the opportunity to file comments on the remaining requests as supplemented;⁴ that the Commission's Staff should investigate the requests for exemption and file a report; and that the rulemaking docket in Case No. PUC960164 should be closed and a new docket initiated for consideration of these remaining requests. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

² We note that the supplemental filing fails to include the "detailed explanation" of BA-VA's service obligations for which it is reserving space at its Midlothian office as directed by our January 7 Order. The Company should be prepared to address this requirement in discovery.

³ Although we will accept BA-VA's withdrawal of its request for exemption for its Pentagon office, we take no position on whether BA-VA is obligated to provide collocation space at this site.

⁴ Comments will be due approximately thirty (30) days from the date of this Order. The Commission believes this should provide sufficient time for interested parties to tour the offices and obtain the proprietary information filed with the application. BA-VA is reminded of its obligation to provide both the tour and information in a timely manner.

(1) BA-VA's withdrawal of its requested exemptions for the Ashburn and Pentagon central offices is accepted.

(2) On or before March 24, 2000, interested parties may file comments in response to the supplemented exemption requests by BA-VA for its Midlothian and Dulles Corner central offices.

(3) The Commission Staff shall investigate BA-VA's exemption requests for the Midlothian and Dulles Corner central offices and file a report on or before April 7, 2000.

(4) BA-VA shall respond to interrogatories and data requests within ten (10) days of service. Except as modified herein, discovery shall be in accordance with Part VI of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

(5) Further proceedings on BA-VA's request for an exemption from physical collocation at its Midlothian and Dulles Corner central offices shall be transferred from Case No. PUC960164 and docketed and assigned Case No. PUC000043.

(6) There being nothing further to come before the Commission in Case No. PUC960164, this proceeding shall be removed from the docket and the papers placed in the file for ended causes. Filings made in PUC960164 relevant to BA-VA's request for exemption from physical collocation at its Midlothian and Dulles Corner central offices will be treated as filed in Case No. PUC000043.